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REMARKS

Applicant requests reconsideration and further examination of this application.

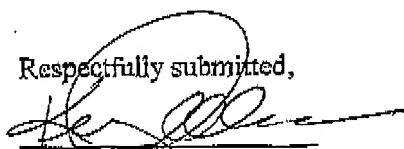
Respectfully, Applicant traverses the 35 USC §112, second paragraph rejection for indefiniteness. It is clear in the Claim 21 that all the sides and the bottom of Applicant's display case are composed of polystyrene foam (see paragraph #0023). Also, it is clear in the Claim that when all the sides and bottom are assembled, the top edges of the sides form a boundary of the described space (see Figures 4 and 10). Therefore, there is no need to amend the Claim because it is not indefinite.

Respectfully, Applicant also traverses the 35 USC §103 rejection for obviousness based upon Schlosser (USP #4,498,312) and Grogan (USP #6,325,281). Schlosser discloses an ice chest with hollow, slab-like containers for saline solution lining the walls of the chest. Grogan discloses an insulated shipping container having a first insulating housing, a second insulating housing inside the first housing, an inner cardboard carton and a closure structure with a vacuum insulating panel. Clearly, both these cited references have several important functional components that are not present in Applicant's Claim 21.

Therefore, because Applicant's Claim 21 is written in closed language, these not-recited functional components of the two cited references are specifically excluded from the Claim. Also, because there is no suggestion anywhere to strip these functional components from the devices disclosed in the cited references, the result of which stripping would be to make the cited devices non-functional, there is no suggestion to make the specific structure claimed by Applicant. Therefore, Applicant's invention is non-obvious in view of these two cited references.

Applicant now believes the application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests the same.

Respectfully submitted,



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